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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF UNMO'S

REF: A. TEL AVIV 2942; B. USUN 759; C. JERUSALEM 634;  
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1. FOLLOWING MEETING ON MARCH 1 AT UNITED NATIONS  
ON UNTSO OBSERVER SAFETY, AMB LEONARD APPROACHED  
ISRAELI DEPUTY PERMREP ELIAV. ELIAV TOOK  
QUITE HOSTILE POSITION ON UNMO'S IN SOUTH LEBANON.  
HE POINTED OUT ISRAEL DOES NOT VIEW UNTSO OPERATIONS  
AS WORKING IN ISRAEL'S FAVOR AND QUESTIONED WHETHER  
PRESSING THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN LEBANON SERVED  
ISRAELI INTERESTS. ISRAEL VIEWS UNTSO REPORTING  
AS ONE-SIDED, AN UNNECESSARY INFORMATION SERVICE  
PROVIDING AMMUNITION TO ISRAEL'S ADVERSARIES.  
ELIAV AND ISRAELI MISSION OFFICER SEPARATELY  
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF UN WERE PUT IN POSITION  
OF HAVING TO REMOVE THE OBSERVERS THIS WOULD NOT  
CONSTITUTE GREAT LOSS FROM ISRAEL'S VANTAGE POINT.  
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2. MEANWHILE, UN HAS RECEIVED FURTHER REPORT  
OF HARASSMENT OF AN OP ON MARCH 4. THIS TIME,  
ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT (JONAH),  
UNIFORMED ISRAELI PENETRATED AN OP, MARKING THE  
FIRST DIRECT ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IN UNTSO OBSERVER  
ACTIVITIES (APPARENTLY NOT COUNTING INCIDENT

REPORTED REF C). UN SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO PROTEST THIS ISRAELI PENETRATION WITH PERMREP HERZOG AND TO SEEK ISRAELI COOPERATION IN RESTRAINING CHRISTIAN FORCES FROM FURTHER HARASSMENT OF UNMO'S. UN SECRETARIAT INDICATED CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL DANGER THAT CONTINUED HARASSMENTS COULD FORCE UNMO'S TO WITHDRAW. UN RECOGNIZES THAT UNMO'S DO NOT MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ISRAEL AND IS SPECULATING, IN LIGHT OF LAST INCIDENT, WHETHER ISRAEL MAY BE LOOKING FORWARD TO POSSIBILITY OF UNMO REMOVAL. MISOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ISRAEL UNLIKELY TO USE THIS TACTIC. WE HAVE ALSO INDICATED TO UN THAT, WHILE WE APPRECIATE THEIR LIMITATIONS IN OBTAINING SUPPORT FROM THOSE NATIONS IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE THOSE DOING THE HARASSING, WE NONETHELESS BELIEVE THE UN ITSELF MUST BE MORE ENERGETIC IN PROTECTING ITS OWN INTERESTS.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE, UNDER SECRETARY URQUHART INFORMED LEONARD OF HIS CONVERSATION MARCH 6 WITH ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG. URQUHART EXPLAINED TO HERZOG THAT ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF UNMO'S WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT SOONER OR LATER ACCOUNT WOULD GET TO PRESS WITH UNFORTUNATE CONCLUSIONS BEING DRAWN. HERZOG TOOK POINT AND COMMENTED THAT HE REGARDED THIS LAST INCIDENT AS INDEED CONFIDENTIAL

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SERIOUS. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO TEL AVIV AT ONCE. INCIDENTALLY, URQUHART DESCRIBED NEW HARASSMENT TECHNIQUE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SCENARIO OF MARCH 4 INCIDENT: OP IS OCCUPIED BY CHRISTIAN FORCES OR WHOMEVER, WHO THEN COMPEL UNMO'S TO SEND MESSAGE THAT AN OBSERVER IS DESPERATELY ILL; CONVOY TO TAKE OUT REPORTED SICK UNMO IS THEN HI-JACKED.

4. CONTINUING, URQUHART EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR OUR DEMARCHE TO WEIZMAN (TEL AVIV 2942), AND FOR OUR TAKING STRONG POSITION DURING UN MEETING ON UNMO SAFETY LAST WEEK (USUN 759). URQUHART REACTED WITH NEAR ALARM AT SUGGESTION THAT SIILASVUO WAS TAKING PASSIVE STAND. URQUHART COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD SEND MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO SIILASVUO.

5. COMMENT: URQUHART'S DUTCH-UNCLE TALK WITH HERZOG AND MESSAGE TO SIILASVUO ARE GOOD FIRST STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE RECOGNITION OF INVIOABILITY OF UNMO ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH LEBANON. FOLLOW-UP WITH THE UN AND WITH THE LEBANESE MILITARY (BEIRUT 1195)

WILL BE IN ORDER BEFORE RESULTS MAY BE EVIDENCED.  
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